

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended) A female electrical contact terminal obtained from a single plate of electrically conductive metal comprising:
  - a rear part ~~(2)~~ making possible a crimped connection with an electrical wire ~~(1)~~,
  - a front part ~~(4)~~ consisting of a cage 4a comprising a bottom ~~(51)~~, a top, two sides ~~(43, 43')~~,
  - at least one strip ~~(45, 45')~~ ensuring a contact with a complementary male contact terminal,
  - a transition part ~~(3)~~ linking the front part with the rear part,
 characterized in that the top has at least one extension leg ~~(46)~~ traversing the transition zone.
  
2. (Currently Amended) The contact terminal according to claim 1, further characterized in that the top has two assembled parts ~~(41, 42)~~, one of said parts containing at least the extension leg.
  
3. (Original) The contact terminal according to claim 2, further characterized in that each part of the top contains an extension leg.
  
4. (Currently Amended) The contact terminal according to ~~either one of~~ claims 2 and 3, further characterized in that the extension leg traverses the transition part and enters the rear part.

5. (Currently Amended) The contact terminal according to ~~any one of~~ claims 2 to 4, further characterized in that the two parts of the top fit into each other.

6. (Currently Amended) The contact terminal according to claim 5, further characterized in that one of the parts of the top forms a tenon (49) and the other part of the top forms a mortise (48).

7. (Currently Amended) The contact terminal according to ~~any one of~~ claims 1 to 6, further characterized in that the sides each contain a first tab (45, 45'), bent back toward the interior of the cage (4a) from the rear toward the front.

8. (Currently Amended) The contact terminal according to claim 7, further characterized in that the sides each contain a second tab (50, 50') bent back toward the interior of the cage 4a from the front toward the back on top of the first tab.

9. (Currently Amended) The contact terminal according to ~~any one of~~ claims 1 to 8, further characterized in that at least one extension leg extends between the crimp pieces of the electrical wire and is crimped with the wire.